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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/764,264	HIRABAYASHI, TAKESHI	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vincent E Kovalick	2673	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's remarks dated 8/31/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Remarks, dated August 31, 2004, to USPTO Office Action dated September 23, 2002.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Relative to claims 1, 6, 12 and 17, the major difference between the teachings of the prior art of record (USP 5,577,733, Downing; USP 4,936,683, Purcell and USP 4,205,304, Moore) and that of the instant invention, is that said prior art of record **does not teach** an apparatus for inputting coordinates comprising a reflecting section which reflects the light emitted from the light source section; and a light receiving section which receives the light reflected by the reflecting section, wherein the light source section and the light receiving section are integrated to form a single optical unit, and this optical unit is embedded in the coordinate input plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Applicant's Remarks

4. Based on the receipt of Applicant's Assignment of Application, substantiating the Richo Elemex Corporation as the assignee of the application under consideration, it is agreed that the Takekawa et al. reference (USP 6,335,724) used as the primary reference in the rejection of claims 1, 6, 12 and 17 of the said USPTO Office Action is not valid. In view thereof, the said application has been reconsidered as set forth hereinabove.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

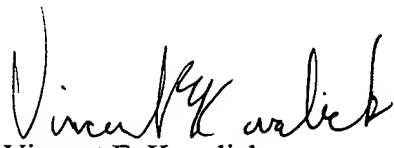
U. S. Patent No.	6,449,041	Jung et al.
U. S. Patent No.	6,362,468	Murakami et al.
U. S. Patent No.	6,100,538	Ogawa
U. S. Patent No.	5,988,645	Downing
U. S. Patent No.	5,196,835	Blue et al.
U. S. Patent No.	4,855,590	Bures et al.

Responses

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E Kovalick whose telephone number is (571) 272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached at (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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